

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: DECEMBER 20, 2021**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, and County Attorney Alan Wilson. County Auditor Jessica Secrease was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular meeting held on December 6, 2021, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022:**

Commissioner Bray read the Certificates of Appointments for 2022:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Date Range</b>
Debbie Lorenz	Alcohol Beverage Commission	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022
Cheryl Graham	Plan Commission	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025
Stephen Byrum	Howard County Drainage Board	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Marie Lindskoog	Convention and Visitor's Bureau	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022
Christina Heavilon	Convention and Visitor's Bureau	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Idowu Ukabado	Community Corrections Advisory Board	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025
Robert Mason	Howard County Board of Health	1/1/2022- 12/31/2025

The Certificates of Appointments were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

In the absence of Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease, First Deputy Lynda Ogle submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on December 3, 2021, in the amount of \$863,801.88 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expense:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on December 3, 2021, in the amount of \$863,801.88 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims for payment on December 20, 2021, in the amount of \$3,122,547.46 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Reports were submitted for review and accepted by the Board:
  - a. Treasurer's Monthly Report for October 2021

5. **Grants:** Howard County Information Systems Director Jeremy Stevens is asking for approval of the 97.067 Cybersecurity Grant. Commissioner Wyman stated that this Grant is approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS:**

**HOWARD COUNTY HIGHWAY:**

County Highway Engineer Amber Tolle submitted a form from IDOT to be signed as the recommendation for acceptance of completion of the McCann Street bridge. This form will close out the construction part of the bridge. Commissioner Dodd submitted the recommendation for acceptance form and approved the form as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

Howard County Attorney Allan Wilson presented an ordinance of the Howard County of Commissioners: Ordinance No. 2021-BCCO-53, New Grant Fund: 97.067 Cybersecurity Grant. Ordinance No. 2021-BCCO-53 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:**

Commissioner Wyman is asking to be authorized to sign any paperwork concerning the Alliance partnership with the City of Kokomo to purchase the land at the Industrial Park. The authorization for Commissioner Wyman to sign any paperwork concerning the purchase of land at the Industrial Park on behalf of the Board of Commissioners was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Wyman wished the Commissioners and all County employees a Merry Christmas and thanked them for all of their hard work this year.

Commissioner Wyman also stated that the North Central Indiana Counties of Howard, Cass, Clinton, Miami, Fulton and Tipton were awarded the READI Grant in the amount of \$30,000,000.00.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. on a motion  
made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by  
Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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